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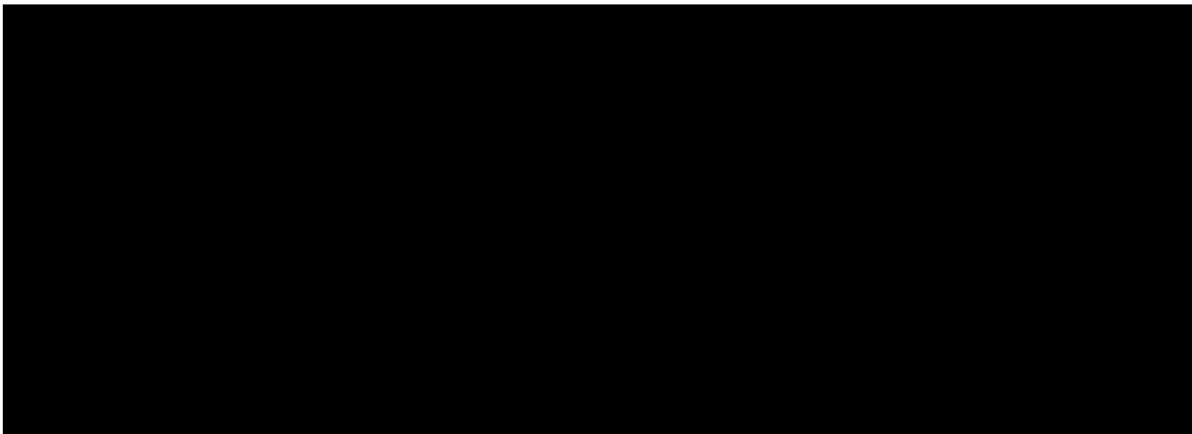
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1. Pol Dasht

28 December

Rail Traffic

Four trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 43 closed cars, 13 tank cars, and 10 cars carrying iron material, two carrying coal, eight carrying sand, and an unknown number of cars carrying 36 autos. (Direction not given)

night

Four trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

29-30 December

(report for two days)

Rail Traffic

11 trains composed of 29 passenger cars, 35 closed cars, 28 tank cars, and 14 cars carrying sand, 15 carrying wood, 11 carrying coal, 8 carrying autos, one carrying lumber, 14 car loads of soldiers, two car loads of guns, and an unstated number of cars carrying six trucks. (Direction not given)

night

Eight trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

31 December

Rail Traffic

Four trains composed of 14 closed cars, 21 tank cars, and 23 cars carrying trucks, 18 carrying coal, and eight carrying autos. One passenger train of an unstated number of cars was also observed. (Direction not given)

night

Four trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

1-2 January 1951

(report for two days)

Rail Traffic

15 trains composed of 42 passenger cars, 126 closed

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cars, 39 tank cars, and 32 cars carrying wood, 10 carrying coal, 14 carrying dirt, eight carrying machinery, seven carrying lumber, five carrying autos, two carrying iron materials, and 14 car loads of electric generators. (Direction not given)

night

Four trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

2. Dzhulfa
26-27 December
(report for two days)

Rail Traffic

Seven trains composed of 52 passenger cars, 62 freight cars, 19 tank cars, one car load of motors and some lumber, 36 gondolas, and eight gondolas carrying coal and lumber. (Direction not given)

night

14 trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

28-29 December
(report for two days)

Rail Traffic

Ten trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 122 freight cars, five tank cars, 18 gondolas, 17 empty gondolas, and 38 gondolas carrying one auto, one truck, one crane and some lumber. (Direction not given)

night

11 trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

29 December

Road Traffic

Seven trucks left Dzhulfa for Ordubad. One jeep arrived at the Soviet post at Ladan (possibly, Lakin?)

29 December 1730 hours

Small arms target practice was observed opposite Iranian Pinji (not located).

30 December

Rail Traffic

Five trains composed of 59 passenger cars, 37 freight cars, 17 tank cars, 13 gondolas carrying barrels, and 50 gondolas carrying lumber, coal, and timbers. (Direction not given)

night

Seven trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

Road Traffic

Eight trucks moved from Dzhulfa to the Soviet post opposite Shah Abasi.

31 December

Rail Traffic

Six trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 69 freight cars, two tank cars, 13 gondolas, and seven gondolas carrying lumber, barrels, coal, one truck, and one auto. Two locomotives were also included. (Direction not given)

night

Five trains of unknown make-up. (Direction not given)

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Rail Traffic

Seven trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 65 freight cars, 16 tank cars, 19 cars carrying lumber, and 15 gondolas carrying three trucks, three autos and gear. (Direction not given)

Eight trains of unknown make-up (Direction not given)

3. Sia Rud night
26-27 December
(report for two days)

Rail Traffic

Nine trains composed of 56 passenger cars, 221 freight cars, 135 covered cars, 330 tank cars, 32 empty gondolas, and 27 gondolas carrying one motor and lumber. (Direction not given)

30 December

Rail Traffic

Five trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 124 freight cars, 76 covered cars, 35 tank cars, 85 empty gondolas, and 37 gondolas carrying two trucks, one auto, four iron boxes, and two large containers. Four engines and two locomotives were also included. (Direction not given)

31 December

Rail Traffic

Three trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 51 freight cars, 30 covered cars, three tank cars, 17 empty gondolas, and three locomotives. (Direction not given)

1 January 1951

Rail Traffic

Six trains composed of 12 passenger cars, 132 freight cars, 69 covered cars, 19 tank cars, nine gondolas carrying great (sic) quantities of coal, two autos, two trucks, and timber. One locomotive was also included. (Direction not given)

4. Khuda Afarin
26-27 December
(report for two days)

Rail Traffic

Incomplete as to total number, but four trains were composed of 27 passenger cars, 68 freight cars, 15 tank cars, and 69 gondolas carrying 27 autos, iron equipment, cases, stones, coal, wood, and machine parts. (Direction not given)

28-29 December

Rail Traffic

Seven trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 96 freight cars, 74 gondolas, and 14 gondolas carrying wood and auto parts. 11 soldiers and one officer got off one of these trains at Khuda Afarin. (Direction not given) Seven trains composed of 42 private (sic) passenger cars, 117 freight cars, 96 covered cars, 18 tank cars, and 92 gondolas carrying coal, timber, one crane, and 20 objects resembling motors. Three locomotives were also included. (Direction not given)

31 December

Rail Traffic

Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 47 freight cars, four tank cars, 20 gondolas carrying wood, and one diesel locomotive. (Direction not given)

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Rail Traffic

Four trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 100 freight cars, 49 tank cars, 43 gondolas carrying 22 autos, wood and coal, and one switching locomotive. (Direction not given)

5. Namin
26-27 December
(report for two days)

Minimum road traffic in Namin area. Routine patrol activity in the area of Namin. Rifle target practice took place opposite the Iranian town of Minavar (38-27N, 48-33E).

28-29 December
(report for two days)

Routine activity, except at Sholecheran where rifle firing practice took place.

30 December

Routine patrol activity in the area of Namin.

night

25 white rockets were fired at the post at Leji.

31 December

Road Traffic

One jeep traveled from Gaduk to Sholecheran. Three white rockets were fired at the post of Leji.

1 January 1951 2030 hours

One white rocket was fired at the post at Leji.

2 January

Rifle and machine gun firing practice took place at Kolaputi (38-48N, 48-25E).

night

Machine gun firing was heard at Kizilissa (38-33N, 48-30E)

Routine patrol activity took place in the area of Namin.

6. Astara
28 December

Road Traffic

North and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran: two jeeps, 16 trucks, and seven carts carrying 4 officers, 48 armed and 22 unarmed soldiers, 35 civilians, cement, bricks, and boxes of cartridges. East and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: two motorcycles, 24 trucks and 11 carts carrying four officers, 116 armed soldiers, 17 civilians, foodstuffs, wood, stone, sand, and telegraph poles. 18 cavalrymen were also observed.

Between Masjed Mahalleh and the post under observation farthest west; 12 trucks and 10 carts carrying one officer, 123 armed and 19 unarmed soldiers, 28 civilians, wood, and planks. One group of unarmed soldiers and five civilians on foot also were observed.

0900 - 1500 hours

Rifle and machine gun practice.

1900 hours

Eight white, green, and red rockets, were fired at the post at Rudkinar (38-29N, 48-51E).

2000 hours

Three green and white rockets were fired at Astara.

Five green and white rockets were fired at the post at Garml (39-01N, 48-03E).

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29 December

Road Traffic

North and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran: two jeeps, one ambulance, 20 trucks, and three carts carrying nine officers, 46 armed and 38 unarmed soldiers, iron girders, lumber, and sand. One company of soldiers on foot were also observed.

East and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: 21 trucks and 15 carts carrying 12 armed and 28 unarmed soldiers, 20 civilians, foodstuffs, flour, hay, wood, bricks, and barbed wire. 18 civilians and 12 armed soldiers on foot were also observed.

Between Masjed Mahalleh and the post under observation farthest west: 22 trucks, six carts, and one motorcycle carrying two officers, 37 armed and 19 unarmed soldiers, 38 civilians, foodstuffs, telephone wire, wiring equipment, stones, planks, and wood. A group of armed soldiers and eight civilians on foot were also observed.

0700 - 1600 hours

Rifle and machine gun practice at Astara.

night

Five rockets were fired at Astara, two at Rudkinar and four at Zerdali (Zardali?, not located).

30-31 December

(report for two days)

Road Traffic

North and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran: one ambulance, nine jeeps, 25 trucks, and two carts carrying 16 officers, 116 armed and 54 unarmed soldiers, 10 civilians, clothing, kerosene drums, and sand. Five groups of unarmed soldiers and one company of fully armed soldiers with two portable wireless sets were also observed.

East and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: seven jeeps, 24 trucks, and 12 carts carrying 16 officers, 145 armed and 45 unarmed soldiers, wood, and foodstuffs. 46 civilians, 48 armed infantrymen, and eight unarmed cavalrymen were also observed.

Between Masjed Mahalleh and the post under observation farthest west: two motorcycles, 21 trucks, and 12 carts carrying four officers, 98 armed and 38 unarmed soldiers, 18 civilians, foodstuffs, lumber, and stone. Two officers on bicycles, 13 infantrymen, and seven unarmed cavalrymen were also observed.

night

One rocket was fired at Astara, two at Rudkinar, and three at Alachai (38-27N, 48-47E).

Intermittent searchlight activity was observed in the vicinity of Astara.

1-2 January 1951

Road Traffic

North and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran: five jeeps, 31 trucks, and seven carts carrying 15 officers, 62 armed and 59 unarmed soldiers, 35 civilians, cement, bricks, cartridge boxes, and two wireless sets. One group of armed infantrymen were also observed.

East and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: three jeeps, 3 motorcycles, 34 trucks and 15 carts carrying seven officers, 165 armed and 79 unarmed soldiers, 32 civilians, foodstuffs, sand, wood, stone,

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and telephone poles. One group of infantrymen, one of unarmed cavalrymen, and 14 infantrymen were also observed.

night

One rocket was fired at Astara, two at Rudkinar, and three at the post at Garnd.

7. Babolsar (probably, Babulsar
(36-43N, 52-39E) in Iran)
31 December

For several previous nights the northern section of the post at Karahabad (not located) has been exposed to searchlight beams directed at the post from the sea.

1 January 1951

A white monoplane, of unknown markings, flew from a southerly direction and passed over Babolsar at about 2000 meters and headed in the direction of Bandar Shah (36-56N, 54-06E).

8. Dash Burun
(37-37N, 54-48E)
31 December

The Soviets set up a water pump on the Atrek River opposite the Iranian post at Dug Olum (previously reported as Duzlu Olum, 38-14N, 55-42E).

9. Gholaman
(38-12N, 57-07E)
29 December 1700 hours

One red rocket was fired at the Soviet post at Danieh (Daniyeh?) and burst with a severe explosion at a height of 1500 meters over Gholaman.

10. Lutfabad
(37-30N, 59-19E)
23-25 December
(report for three days)

Rail Traffic

27 trains composed of 157 passenger cars, 441 tank cars, 49 freight cars carrying wood and 4 autos, and 184 freight cars, 13 of which were carrying coal, 26 were carrying wood, 7 were carrying autos, and the remainder were covered.

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